

**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN**

July 19, 2005

6:15 PM

Mayor Baines called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll. There were thirteen Aldermen present.

Present: Aldermen Roy, Gatsas, Guinta, Sysyn, Osborne, Porter, O'Neil,
Lopez, Shea, Garrity, Smith, Thibault and Forest

Absent: Alderman DeVries

Mayor Baines stated I would like to welcome back to the Chambers former Mayors Ray Wieczorek and Emile Beaulieu. As Ray Wieczorek often says if there's more than one Mayor in a room it's a nightmare and then there's Andy Verville who was an acting Mayor twice and he got an aware for best actor during those roles as well for a comedy performance...a couple of other Aldermen I'd like to introduce former Alderman Ray Provencher, former Alderman Fern Gelinas, former Alderman Bob Pariseau...I move to adjourn Pariseau...and, my very good friend since I was a very little boy...those of you at the dedication of the park...former Alderman Peter Burkush who actually cut my hair when I had hair and let's welcome all of them this evening. You never got a haircut from Pete without leaving with a tootsie roll and I'll never forget that. So, again, I would like to welcome all of you to this meeting today.

Mayor Baines advised that Manchester's Archivist and Records Manager, Sally Fellows, will make a brief presentation relating to Edison Voicewriter disks, which were used from January 1969 to August 1976 to record meetings of the Board. Upon conclusion of the presentation a Chairman Demers will be played of the January 20, 1970 meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Leo Bernier, City Clerk, stated I would like to take a minute to introduce Sally. For those of you who don't know Sally...Sally Fellows has worked in the City Clerk's office for over six years and has done of archives work for us and for you all. She will show to you what she had learned over the last six years and will share it with you.

Mayor Baines stated this is actually one of the few times that Sally actually comes out of the basement of the building, so this is quite an exciting moment for her.

Ms. Sally Fellows, Archivist and Records Manager, stated if you can hear me I'd rather not use a microphone. I'd just like to show you one of the things we are working on. As you know I've applied for grants in the past and have received them from various places. This is

just to give you an idea of what I work with on a daily basis. This is a book from 1836...which recorded business licenses all in one volume and to restore this is costs about \$1,000 which is why we apply for grant money, it's quite expensive and just to show you what the finish product is...this is the first book of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen from 1846 to 1848.

Mayor Baines jokingly stated that was Bill Cashin's first term.

Ms. Fellows stated these are copies of Edison Voicewrite. As you can see the disks resemble a 45 record but they cannot be played on a standard record player. You each have a sample of the voicewriter disk and I will pass around samples for the audience to see. In the late 1960's and 1970's it recorded the Board of Mayor and Aldermen meetings. Basically it was a dictation device that was manufactured by the Thomas A. Edison Company in the 1950-60's but the Board used it through the 1970's and the 30 minute disk that you all have was transferred onto a CD, which is what you will hear. Basically, I had these disks in storage and I had no idea if they would even play...I went to an Archives conference where a vendor in attendance who transfers information to disks for the U.S. Library of Congress...so, I chose four disks of which the criteria was if there were a lot of different people speaking and I thought it would be interesting to see some of the earlier recordings of individuals who had been in city government for quite a long time. So, you're going to hear...the meeting was January 20, 1970 and will notice it is the transcription that's in front of you which does not always match what you're hearing. The City Clerk's office back then did not do a word-for-word transcription. The entire meeting lasted 22 minutes long and will hear the following individuals. In 1970, the Mayor was Henry J. Pariseau...the Aldermen were: Ward 1 Charles Hunt, Ward 2 Frank Wageman, Ward 3 Thomas Enright, Ward 4 William Kelley, Ward 5 John Walsh, Ward 6 Denis Casey, Ward 7 Alphee Peloquin, Ward 8 Andre Verville, Ward 9 Francis Wilcox, Ward 10 Robert Bossie, Ward 11 William Cashin, Ward 12 Albert Martineau, Ward 13 Robert Pare and Ward 14 Peter Burkush. You will also hear the voice of the City Clerk at the time Charles Stanton and who later on became Mayor and J. Francis Roche who was City Solicitor.

City Clerk Bernier stated I want to thank you very much for your time.

This being a special meeting of the Board, no further business was presented, and on motion of Alderman Smith, duly seconded by Alderman Roy, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk